

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 463 - HB 1051

March 25, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the responsibility and duty of the Commission on Aging and Disability (the Commission) relative to an outreach program concerning Medicare prescription drug cards. On or after July 1, 2013, a home care ombudsman program is required to be established conditioned on funding in the general appropriations act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$835,600

Assumptions:

- According to the Commission, the use of prescription drug cards became obsolete upon the implementation of Medicare Part D. Eliminating statutory language relative to an outreach initiative that is no longer implemented by the Commission will have no fiscal impact on the Commission.
- Current law states that the area agencies on aging will operate or contract for a home care ombudsman program supervised by the Commission on Aging, Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman on or after July 1, 2000.
- According to the Commission, one ombudsman will need to be hired per district to operate a home care ombudsman program. There are currently nine districts.
- It is estimated that the total recurring state expenditures will be \$835,623 [9 x (\$75,500 salary + \$17,347 benefits and retirement)].

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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